THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 9th March 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Recommendations of the Madras Government to Mr. Justice Wanchoo.

* 1 *Q.*—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH (on behalf of Sri T. Lakshminarayana Reddi) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state what were the recommendations of the Madras Government to Mr. Justice Wanchoo in his enquiry regarding the formation of the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" The Government were not asked for their views and made no recommendations. The scope of the work entrusted to Mr. Justice Wanchoo was to collect factual information which, as far as this Government could supply, was supplied. There was no question of any recommendations."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have recommended anything about the issue of the boundary of the Tamil Nad? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is quite specific. We have made no recommendations."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" అయ్యా జస్టిస్ వాంచుగారికి సప్లైచేసినటువంటి వివరములను, శాసన సభ్యులయొక్క information కోసం టేబులుమీద పెడతారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is a separate question which will be considered, Sir."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Are we to take it that the Government have not submitted their views with regard to the various issues referred to by Mr. Justice Wanchoo? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir, we supplied only information and facts and figures."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" వాంచుగారు తన recommendations ను మద్రాసు ప్రభుత్వానికి గాని లేదా మద్రాసు ప్రధాన మంత్రి గారికిగాని, వ్యక్తిగతంగానైన లేక మరేవిధంగానైన పంపించారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know anything about personal views expressed by others, but as far as I am concerned, I have not given any personal views."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have given any information regarding this matter to Mr. Justice Wanchoo, though not by way of recommendation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On which matter please, because there are ever so many matters involved in the question."

Separation of the Judiciary and the Executive.

* 2 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Government to examine the working of the scheme of Separation of Judiciary and the Executive and, if so, whether any decisions have been taken?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The recommendations of the Committee are being examined by Government; some decisions have been taken which are matters of administrative detail."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, whether the recommendations are generally in favour of the extension of the scheme to the remaining districts? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The scope of enquiry of the Committee does not cover that issue."

Censoring of postal letters.

* 3 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have instructed the Police to censor letters sent by post; and

(*b*) if so, whose letters are subjected to Police censorship and for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government regret they have to decline to answer the question in the public interest."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, as this is a matter which affects the individual liberty of every citizen, I demand of the Government to answer this question straight? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already given the answer."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I should like to ask you, Sir, to permit us to have a half-hour debate on this subject in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the answer given by the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member will have an opportunity tomorrow of discussing this matter during the debate on the Governor's Address."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" But this is a matter which has arisen only just now, Sir, and this is a specific question."